



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Michael G. Atieh, Treasurer
Merck & Co., Inc. Political Action
Committee (MERCK PAC)
100 Summit Avenue
Montvale, NJ 07645

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Identification Number: C00097485

Reference: Year End Report (11/26/96-12/31/96)

Dear Mr. Atieh:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a candidate(s) for the General election; however, the funds were disbursed after the General election date. Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. Please clarify the contribution(s) and disclose any redesignations or refunds as necessary on the appropriate schedules.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward D. Ryan", is written over a horizontal line.

Edward D. Ryan
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Contributions to Federal Candidates/Committees

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
MERCK PAC: U.S. The Political Action Committee of Merck & Co., Inc.

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
Occasions Caterers 910 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20003	Contribution: Anna G. Eshoo (CA-14-D) GENERAL ELECTION DATE 11/05/96 Disbursement For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 1996	12/14/96	\$787.60 In-kind Contribution
Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Torricelli for U.S. Senate 1300 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036	Contribution: Robert G Torricelli (NJ-D) GENERAL ELECTION DATE 11/05/96 Disbursement For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 1996	12/18/96	\$5,000.00 \$02

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)	\$5,787.60
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)	\$5,787.60

